GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:202
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2001
AIR MISS INCIDENT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a near air-miss was reported on March 23, 2001 involving a scheduled Indian Airlines Airbus-320 Flight (IC-985) and a Lufthansa Boeing-Jumbo-747 freighter jet, 50 nautical miles east of Salem;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been ordered in this regard;

(c) if so, the findings thereof;

(d) whether any directions have been issued in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir. An airmiss incident occurred involving Indian Airlines flight IC-985 and the Lufthansa Cargo flight DLH-8414 on 22.3.2001.

(b) The incident has been investigated by DGCA.

(c), (d) & (e) The investigation of the incident reveals that Bangalore Approach/Area Traffic Controller had failed to recognise the traffic situation and take timely action. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bangalore, has been advised to take necessary action against the Approach Controller and Aerodrome Operator involved for their lapses and also take necessary steps to ensure proper coordination between Tower, Approach and Flight Coordination Centre at Bangalore Airport.